Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I don't follow the question. I can give you the approximate figure. It will come to 500 acres. If you want accurate figures, I may say that the thing is not yet complete. I have got the figures up-to-date till the end of 1108.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is there any definite policy for the Government in the matter of such assignments?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Can the Hon'ble Member make it a little more plain?

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—In the matter of such assignments, is there any rule that the neighbouring land-owner will be given the first choice.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The rules are laid down in the Land Revenue Manual that a margin is always given to the neighbouring land-owner and beyond the extent given in the Land Revenue Manual, we put it to auction. And even there we give the first choice to the neighbouring land-owners.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—800 acres. Is the bulk sufficient according to the opinion of Government? Are they making sufficient progress with the 800 acres in one year?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The exclusions are making very rapid progress, but the absorptions are very slow.

Transfer of menial Servants attached to Registry Offices.

223. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether orders have been issued to the Superintendent of Registration to the effect that menial servants attached to Registry Offices should not be transferred under any circumstances;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that many of the menials attached to Registry Offices do not answer to the provisions of Article 88 of the C. S. R.?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Deputy Inspector, Vadakkancheri— appointment of.

224. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the appointment of Mr. C. A. Vaidyanatha Ayyar, U2, High School, Chittur, to officiate as Deputy Inspector, Vadakkancheri, is not in supersession of the seniority of many teachers in the same grade;

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(b) who are the teachers whose claims have been superseded in the above appointment;

(c) what are the qualification and service of the Deputy Inspector appointed and the teachers mentioned in (b) ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The appointment of the Deputy Inspector being one of selection and not according to seniority cannot be said to be in supersession of the seniority of any teacher.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Mr. C. A. Vaidyanatha Ayyar has put in a service of 14 years and is a B.A., L. T. (Physics). The latter part of the question does not require answer in the light of the answer to (a).

Caste-war statement of Professors and Assistant Professors in the Maharaja's College.

225. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of Professors and Assistant Professors in the Maharaja's College;

(b) a caste-war list of such appointments showing the number in each of the following sub-divisions, viz., Brahmins, other caste Hindus, non-caste Hindus, Christians and Muslims?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—

		(a) *Professors.*	*Assistant Professors.*
		9	32
(2)	Brahmins	3	14
	Nayars	2	13
	Nambiyar	1	1
	Warriar	nil	1
	Goud Saraswath Brahmin	1	nil
	Kshatriya	1	1
	Christians	1	2

Purchase of foreign drafts by Government.

226. Mr. P. C. Varkey.— Will the Government be pleased to state the lowest and the highest rates of exchange at which the Government have purchased foreign drafts in each year (with corresponding dates) during the last quinquennium ?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.— To reply to the question would involve a detailed investigation of the accounts for the whole period of 5 years and Government think that the result would not justify the very great labour involved. The maximum and minimum rates for the last 3 months were:

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